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## **Mayor Maddox Presents Hope Initiative Plan to Public Safety Committee**

Mayor Walt Maddox will present his HOPE Initiative Plan to the members of the Tuscaloosa City Council's Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will be made at 4:00pm in Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall. The mission of the HOPE Initiative is to rekindle hope and opportunity in Tuscaloosa's neighborhoods that have been beset with crime poverty and blight.

In July 2008, Mayor Maddox appointed five project teams in the following areas to meet the mission of the Hope Initiative: (1) Law and Code Enforcement; (2) Infrastructure; (3) Planning, Housing and Economic Development; (4) Funding; (5) Faith-Based. The project teams were led by City Staff and were ably assisted by various law enforcement agencies, the court system, social service organizations and community members.

During his presentation to the Public Safety Committee, Mayor Maddox will present the findings of the project teams and make short-term and long-term recommendations to the City Council.

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